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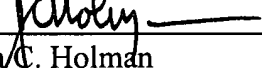
Sir:

The above application has been allowed and counsel has now been informed that in the basic Japanese application two Japanese publications were cited, namely No. 11-065494 and 10-232895. It is believed by the Japanese attorney that these references are no more pertinent than the references already applied by the Examiner. In an abundance of caution a copy of the two Japanese references and English abstracts are enclosed.

It is understood that this prior art will not be considered but it is placed in the file for full disclosure.

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